

# Public Notice

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Norfolk District

May 25, 2007

CENAO-REG  
NAO-2007-1621

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The District Engineer has received a permit application for work described below:

### APPLICANT

Woodberry Forest School  
c/o Bruce Tibbetts  
P.O. Box 34  
Woodberry Forest, Virginia 22989

WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK: The project is located in unnamed tributaries to the Rapidan River, within the existing 1,250-acre Woodberry Forest School located in the county of Madison, Virginia.

PROPOSED WORK AND PURPOSE: Woodberry Forest School proposes to construct an irrigation pond for 11 athletic fields and a 9-hole golf course, which would result in permanent impacts to 0.26-acre of wetlands and 2,700 linear feet of streams. To mitigate for 0.26-acre of wetlands, the applicant proposes to purchase 0.20 wetland credits (1:1 ratio) for impacts to emergent wetlands and 0.12 wetland credits (2:1 ratio) at the approved Blackjack Wetland Wetlands Mitigation Bank in Culpeper County, Virginia. To mitigate for the loss of 2,700-linear feet of stream impacts, the applicant proposes to preserve 15,836 linear feet and 46.60-acres of onsite forested buffer adjacent to the Rapidan River. In addition, 6.34-acres of light riparian buffer planting will be used to augment existing Rapidan River buffers, with additional 9.49-acres of heavy buffer planting within onsite open grazing areas. Fencing will also be installed on the outer limits of buffer planting to exclude livestock from the areas.

Project drawings are attached.

AUTHORITY: Permits are required pursuant to Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (Public Law 95-217) and Title 62.1 of the Code of Virginia.

FEDERAL EVALUATION OF APPLICATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. The decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefits which reasonably may be expected from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All of the proposal's relevant factors will be considered, including conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use classification, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, consideration of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the individual and cumulative impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Anyone may request a public hearing to consider this permit application by writing to the District Engineer within 30 days of the date of this notice, stating specific reasons for holding the public hearing. The District Engineer will then decide if a hearing should be held.

Preliminary review indicates that: (1) no environmental impact statement will be required; (2) no species of fish, wildlife, or plant (or their critical habitat) listed as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (PL 93-205) will be affected; and (3) no known properties eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places are in or near the permit area. Additional information might change any of these findings. For compliance with the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, the applicant must certify that federally licensed or permitted activities affecting Virginia's coastal zone (Tidewater) will be conducted in a manner consistent with the Virginia Coastal Resources Management Program (VCP). For more information or to obtain a list of the enforceable programs of the VCP, contact the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Impact Review at (804) 698-4330 or e-mail: [elirons@deq.state.va.us](mailto:elirons@deq.state.va.us).

**COMMENT PERIOD:** Comments on this project should be made in writing, addressed to the Norfolk District, Corps of Engineers (ATTN: CENAO-REG), 803 Front Street, Norfolk, Virginia 23510-1096, and should be received by the close of business on **June 25, 2007**.

If you have any questions about this project or the permit process, please call Hal Wiggins at (540) 548-2517.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

Keith B. Lockwood  
Chief, Northern Virginia  
Regulatory Section

Attachment: Drawings





SCALE: 1 INCH = 2.4 MILES



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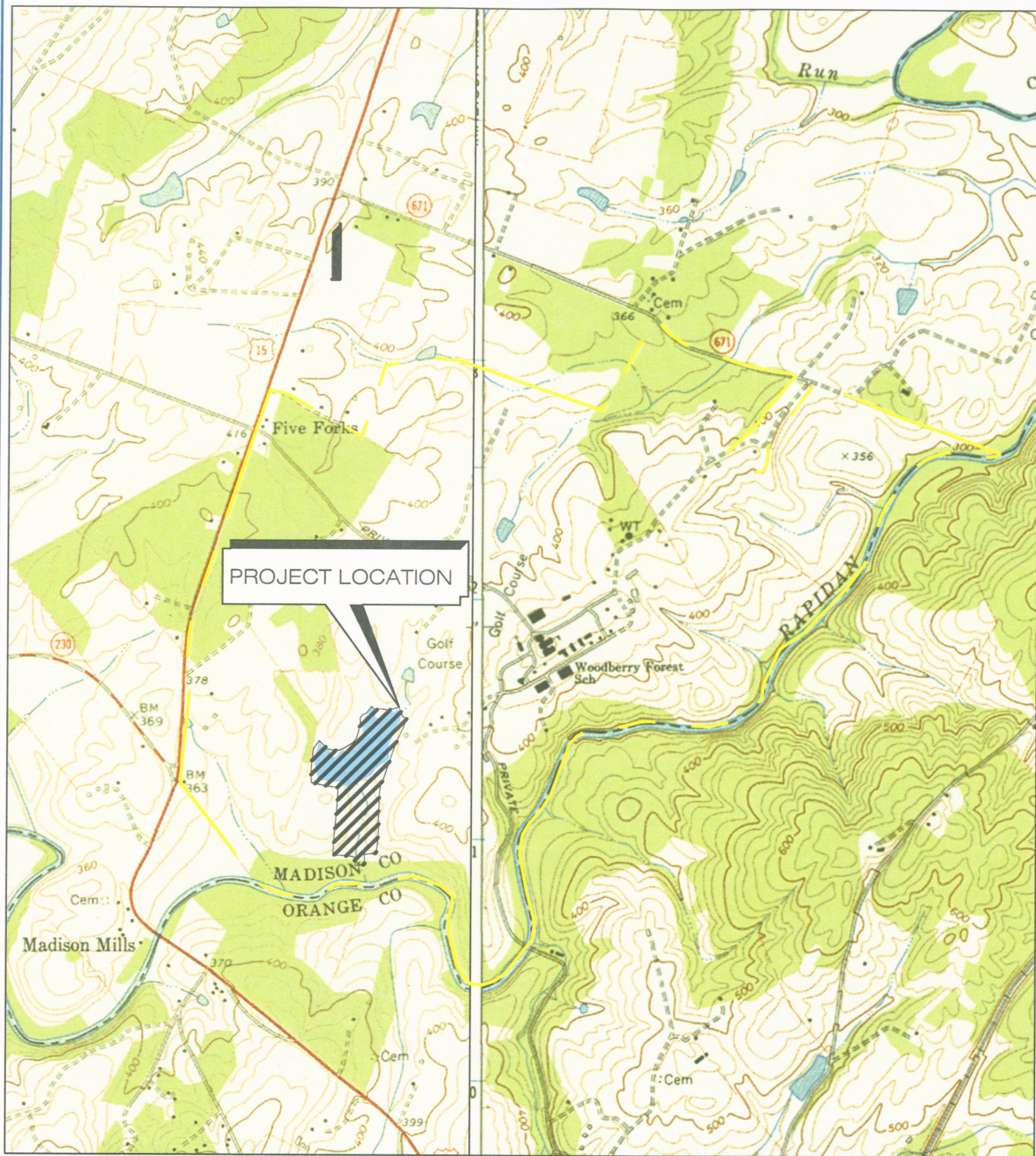
**FIGURE 1-1**  
**PROJECT VICINITY MAP**  
WOODBERRY FOREST

SOURCE: VIRGINIA ATLAS AND GAZETTEER,  
DeLORME MAPPING CO., 1995.

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SCALE: 1 INCH = 2000 FEET



LATITUDE: 38°17'09.89"  
LONGITUDE: 78°07'49.43"

SOURCE: USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES TOPOGRAPHIC MAP,  
RAPIDAN, VA QUADRANGLE, 1971 (REVISED 1984)



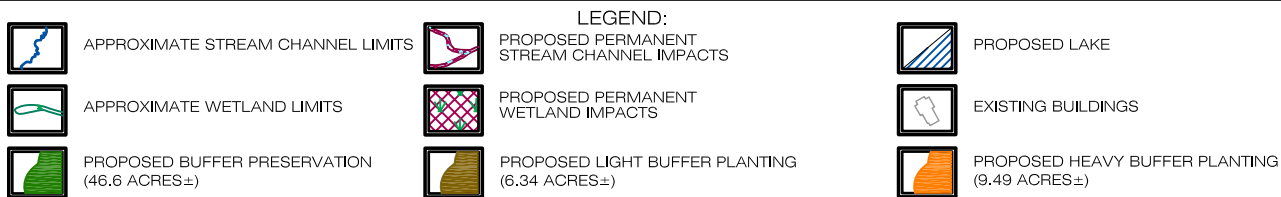
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**FIGURE 1-2  
PROJECT LOCATION MAP**  
WOODBERRY FOREST

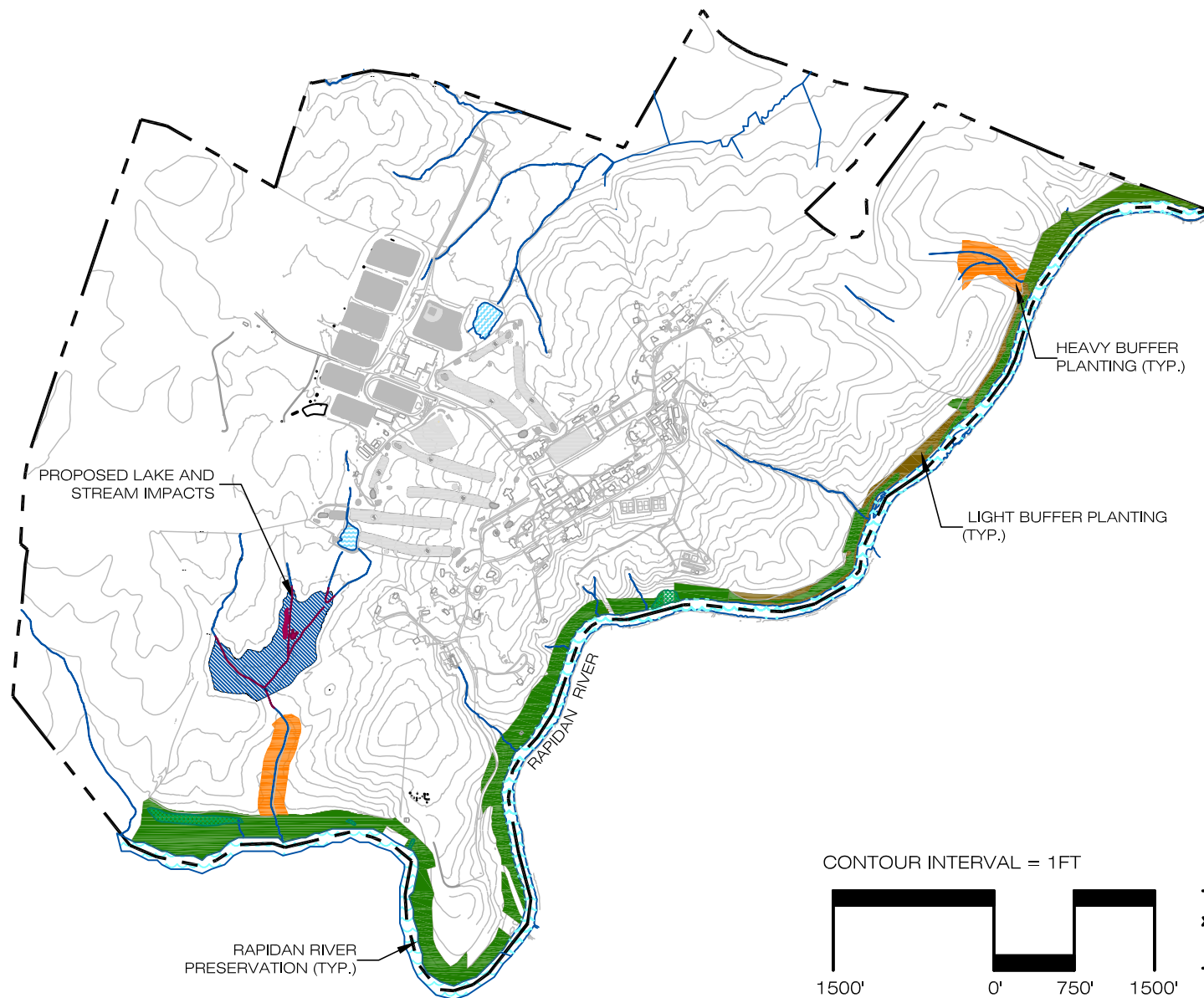
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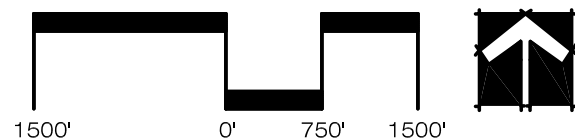




THE APPROXIMATE LIMITS OF WETLANDS AND STREAM CHANNELS/OPEN WATERS SHOWN ON THIS MAP HAVE NOT BEEN FIELD SURVEY LOCATED AND ARE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES ONLY. EXISTING STREAM AND WETLAND RESOURCES LOCATED IN THE VICINITY OF THE PROPOSED LAKE HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2001.



CONTOUR INTERVAL = 1FT



# **CONCEPTUAL STREAM MITIGATION PLAN WOODBERRY FOREST SCHOOL MADISON COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

DATE: MAY 16, 2007  
JOB NUMBER: 1302  
SCALE: 1 INCH = 1500 FEET  
SOURCE: BASE MAP PROVIDED BY  
WOODBERRY FOREST SCHOOL

## LEGEND:



## SITE DATA:

PROJECT AREA 21.94 ACRES ±

## JURISDICTIONAL AREAS:

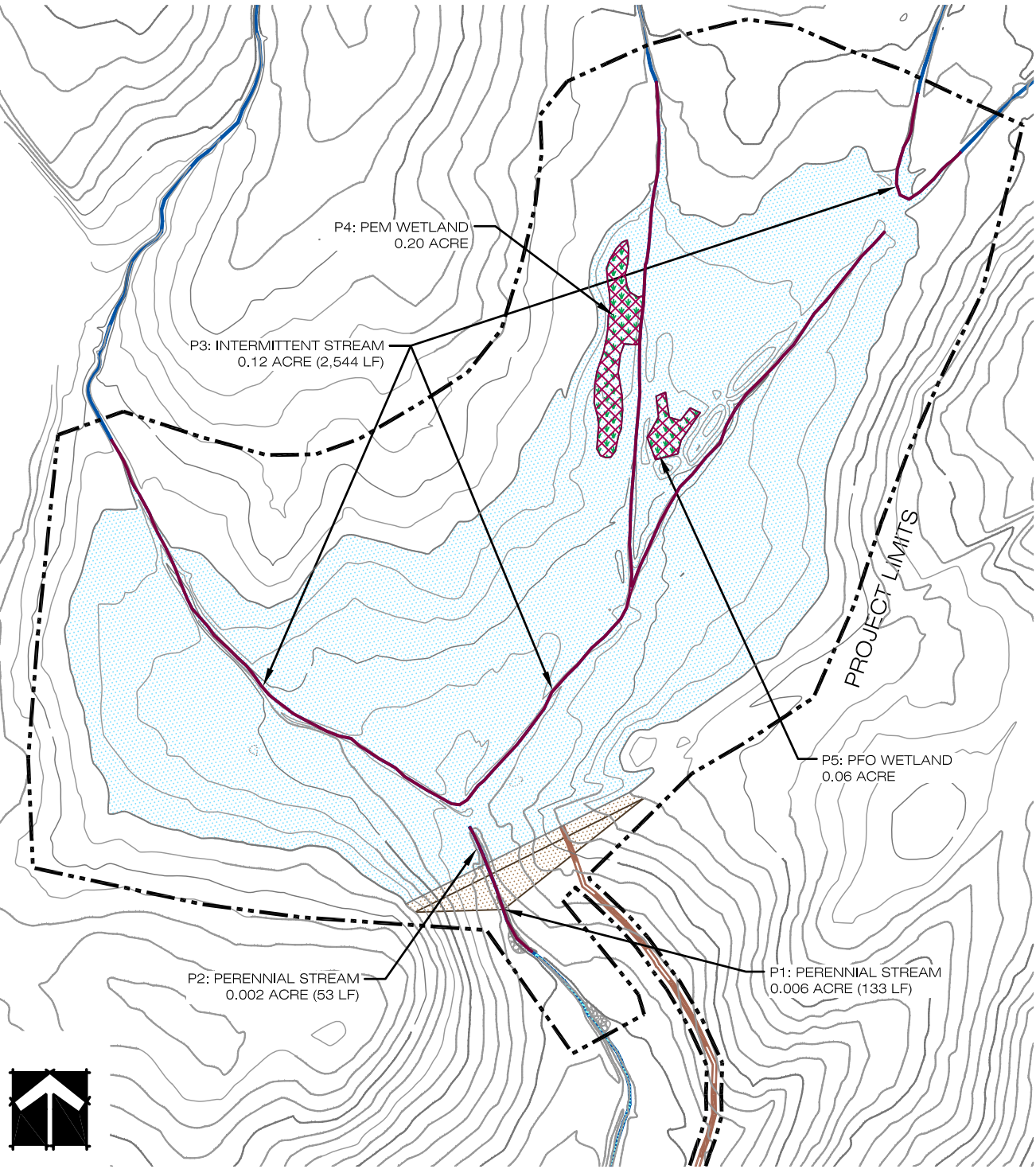
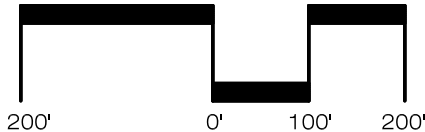
WETLANDS	0.26 ACRE ±
STREAM CHANNELS	0.14 ACRE ±
(EXCLUDING WETLANDS)	(3,028 L.F. ±)
(PERENNIAL)	(332 L.F. ±)
(INTERMITTENT)	(2,696 L.F. ±)

## JURISDICTIONAL AREA IMPACTS:

WETLANDS	0.26 ACRE ±
STREAM CHANNELS	0.13 ACRE ±
(EXCLUDING WETLANDS)	(2,730 L.F. ±)
(PERENNIAL)	(186 L.F. ±)
(INTERMITTENT)	(2,544 L.F. ±)

NOTE: THE LIMITS OF THE WATERS OF THE U.S., INCLUDING WETLANDS, CONFIRMED BY THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, CONFIRMATION # 01-S0046-45 / # 01-C0039-45

CONTOUR INTERVAL = 2 FEET



**SELECTED ALTERNATIVE IMPACTS MAP  
POND A-2  
WOODBERRY FOREST SCHOOL  
IRRIGATION POND AND WATER INTAKE  
MADISON COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

DATE: MAY 16, 2007  
JOB NUMBER: 1302  
SCALE: 1 INCH = 200 FEET  
SOURCE: BASE MAP PROVIDED BY  
WOODBERRY FOREST SCHOOL

